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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Tadimitsu KISHIMOTO, *et al.*
 Title: CHRONIC RHEUMATOID ARTHRITIS THERAPY CONTAINING IL-6
 ANTAGONIST AS EFFECTIVE COMPONENT
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
 Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Before action is taken by the Examiner, please amend the captioned application as follows.

In the Specification:

Please amend the specification by inserting before the first line the following sentence:

- The application is a divisional of application Serial No. 09/233,474, filed January 20, 1999, which is a divisional of application Serial No. 08/817,084, filed April 7, 1997, now U.S. Patent No. 5,888,510 issued March 30, 1999, which is a national stage of PCT/JP95/01144, filed June 7, 1995, and a continuation-in-part of Serial No. 08/971,997, filed February 21, 1997, now abandoned, which is a continuation of Serial No. 08/268,520, filed June 30, 1994, now abandoned.

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